

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**In the claims**

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Claim 1 (currently amended): A method of transmitting data in a video signal, comprising the acts of:

providing the data;

encoding the data;

modifying a predetermined part of the video signal by inserting therein the encoded data;

and

transmitting the modified signal;

wherein the predetermined part of the modified signal is not recorded by particular video recorders, and is in a blanking interval of the video signal.

Claim 2 (cancelled)

Claim 3 (currently amended): A method of transmitting data in a video signal, comprising the acts of:

providing the data;

encoding the data;

modifying a predetermined part of the video signal by inserting therein the encoded data;

and

transmitting the modified signal;

wherein the predetermined part of the modified signal is not recorded by particular video recorders~~The method of Claim 2, and~~ wherein the predetermined part is also below a selected voltage level.

Claim 4 (original): The method of Claim 1, wherein the predetermined part is above a predetermined frequency.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A method of receiving data encoded in a modified video signal wherein the data in a predetermined part of the video signal is not recorded by particular video recorders and is in a blanking interval of the video signal or is below a selected voltage level, comprising the acts of:

receiving the modified video signal;  
transmitting the video portion of the modified signal;  
extracting the encoded data from the modified video signal; and  
decoding the extracted data.

Claim 6 (currently amended): An encoder for transmitting data encoded in a video signal, comprising:

an input video terminal for receiving a video signal;  
an input data terminal for receiving the data;  
a sync separator coupled to the input video terminal;  
encoding circuitry coupled to the data input terminal and the sync separator, thereby to encode the data; and  
a summer coupled to the encoding circuitry and the input video terminal, and outputting the video signal having a predetermined part thereof modified by the encoded data;

wherein the predetermined part of the modified video signal is not recorded by particular video recorders, and is in a blanking interval of the video signal.

Claim 7 (cancelled)

Claim 8 (currently amended): An encoder for transmitting data encoded in a video signal, comprising:

an input video terminal for receiving a video signal;  
an input data terminal for receiving the data;  
a sync separator coupled to the input video terminal;  
encoding circuitry coupled to the data input terminal and the sync separator, thereby to  
encode the data; and  
a summer coupled to the encoding circuitry and the input video terminal, and outputting the  
video signal having a predetermined part thereof modified by the encoded data;  
wherein the predetermined part of the modified video signal is not recorded by particular  
video recorders ~~The encoder of Claim 7,~~ and wherein the predetermined part is also below a  
selected voltage level.

Claim 9 (original): The encoder of Claim 6, wherein the predetermined part is above a predetermined frequency.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A decoder for receiving data in a modified video signal wherein the data is encoded into a predetermined portion of the video signal not recorded by particular video recorders and is in a blanking interval of the video signal or is below a selected voltage level, comprising:

a video input terminal for receiving the modified video signal;  
a video output terminal coupled to the input terminal;  
extraction circuitry having an input terminal coupled to the video input terminal and which extracts the data from the predetermined portion of the modified video signal; and  
a data output terminal coupled to the extraction circuitry to output the extracted data.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The method of Claim 1, wherein the data is a key for descrambling or decrypting the video signal.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The method of Claim 5, wherein the data is a key for descrambling or decrypting the video signal.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The encoder of Claim 6, wherein the data is a key for descrambling or decrypting the video signal.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The decoder of Claim 10, wherein the data is a key for descrambling or decrypting the video signal.

Claim 15 (new): The method of Claim 1, wherein the predetermined part of the modified signal is baseband video.

Claim 16 (new): The method of Claim 5, wherein the predetermined part of the video signal is baseband video.

Claim 17 (new): The encoder of Claim 6, wherein the predetermined part of the modified video signal is baseband video.

Claim 18 (new): The decoder of Claim 10, wherein the predetermined portion of the modified video signal is baseband video.

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